

How To Protect Yourself After A Car Accident?

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Nobody wants to get involved in a car collision, but sometimes they happen. A traffic accident can not only ruin your day, but it can cause a lot of damage to your health. Here are some things you'll want to do, and should know, to protect yourself from a car accident, legally and physically.

Stop: If you accidentally hit a car or any other object, you should stop and wait for the police. Failure to do so could result in a hit-and-run felony charge if someone in the vehicle suffered serious injury or death.

Make sure everyone is ok: After stopping safely, it's important to assess yourself and other passengers. If anyone is injured, you should call 911 for medical assistance.

Call 911: Even if the crash wasn't major, it's still a good idea to have a police officer on the scene. They can gather the information that could help determine liability, which will be helpful for your insurance company.

Collect information: The more evidence you have, the better. Get information from any other drivers involved, including their names, addresses, phone numbers, license plates, driver's licenses, and insurance information. If there were witnesses at the scene of the accident, get them on your side by getting their contact information as well. Photos of crash scenes are helpful in these cases as they can document damage to your car or other cars and important aspects of the situation like weather conditions or landmarks. It's also a good idea to take pictures of any injuries incurred during the crash.

Go to the hospital: Even if you feel fine after an accident, it is a good idea to seek medical attention. Your adrenaline is high following a car accident and you may be injured and not know it. Leave immediately and see the doctor for your injuries. If you wait too long and end up being injured, there's a chance that your claim will be invalidated.

Don't say anything: Do not apologize to your insurance company because apologizing may make them see you in a negative light. There's no evidence that proves one person is at fault when there is an accident, so let the insurance company handle it. In many cases, the other driver may have done everything wrong.

Call ATLINJ: Insurance companies are not always reliable when it comes to paying victims what they deserve. If you're in a car accident, you should seek legal counsel and protection of your rights. An attorney can even handle the insurance company so that you can focus on recovering.

